

REMARKS

Consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-13 and 20-22, without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application. These claims are cancelled without any effect of their pendency and issuance from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/074,890, filed October 26, 2001.

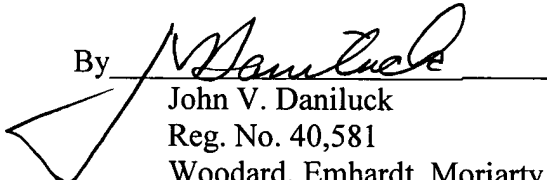
Further, Applicant is adding new dependent claims 24-26.

CLOSING

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-13 and 20-22 and added claims 24, 25, and 26.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of pending claims 14-19 and 23-26. The undersigned welcomes a telephonic interview with the Examiner, if the Examiner believes such an interview would facilitate review of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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